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EDWARD VII. IN HISTORY. With all the pomp that old England can muster, the body of King Edward will be laid in state in Westminster Hall to-day, close to the dust of England's greatest statesmen and thinkers The body will be watched by the King's own company of the Grenadier Guards, it is removed to Windsor on Frito be laid in its final resting As the excitement occasioned King's death has in large measdied out, and as his final obsequies have begun, the world can now make its estimate of his character and his and can give him his place mong his hundred royal ancestors

King Edward was not a spectacular Devoted to the ceremonic of the Court and careful to preserve all those regal traditions which belonged to his exalted station, he had no opportunity, in the nines years of his reign, to appeal to the passions of English people or to the admiration of the nations of Europe. Save for the crisis which occurred in the last few months of his reign, he sat upon his throne in peace, and had little chance to show what manner of man he was, He had no Bill of Rights to approvesuch as gave William III.-William Great he should be called-his eternal title to fame; he passed through no such spectacular Reform period as that which marked the reign of his mother. He was King, despite peace, and he was ruler, despite

Yet Edward VII. deserves to be remembered because, first of all, he was a lover of peace. He devoutly sought to prevent war, and he anxiously strove to maintain goodwill with all the Powers. This he did amid difficulties and sometimes in spite of temptations When Russian aggres. sions began on the Afghanistan borders, just at a time when England's with the Czar, the King might easily have found an opportunity to begin hostilities; and, when jingoism stirred up feeling in England against Germany, the King might have thrown down the gage of battle and won the esteem of millions of his subjects. He did neither. Holding that Russia's aggressions did not menace England's rights in Asia, and firmly opposing the men who would have rushed into a war with Germany, he kept the peace, even at a sacrifice of pride and, perhaps, of temporary prestige.

Edward's regard for the rights of the laboring classes constitutes his second great service to the English nation. When Edward came to the throne England was Tork at heart. Queen Vic the Conservatives, and though a noble nan and a just ruler, she belonged to the ancient order which could not appreciate the changes wrought in England by the second Industrial Revolution. Edward changed all this. Liberal to the core, and honestly desirous of bettering the conditions of his people, he gave himself without restraint to the cause of the working classes, and was responsible for much of the transformation which occurred in England during his reign. When the Balfour ministry was forced to resign, and the Liberals came into power, the King showed his mettle. Had he been conservative, had he been reactionary, he might have delayed reform. As it was, he co-operated heartily with Campbell-Bannerman and later with Asquith, yielding without question where they urged the public welfare and supporting without exception the measures which they advocated. This will be remembered by the future his torian, and when time shall have tried Kings and their works, Old Age Pensions will be the monument to Ed-

With these great virtues, the Kings had faults. He would not have been human had he not had his weaknesses and he would not have been great had he not overcome these weaknesses. A just people will remember, not the things he did amiss, but the things he did aright; and they will remember lot, he was King and Father of his

WHEN OLD GRANT WAS IN BERLIN.

The Boston Transcript says that "when General Grant was in Berlin he declined a review tendered in his honor. . . . He avoided salutes by wearing civilian clothes, and the officer of the guard at the Berlin palace who was reprimanded for not rendering him the honors due his rank and station excused himself by saying that he never imagined that the plain gentleman who entered by the public gate was the illustrious visitor."

But who was this man Grant, any-Where did he come from, and

Spanish lion on Kettle Hill when the lion wasn't there? What was he doing in Berlin, and how did he get there? Why should any officer of the German army, or private either for that matter, have rainted "the plain gentleman who entered by the public gate?" Did he wear a sombrero and khaki breeches, and if not, why not?

yesterday and ever so many inquiries were made at this office as to whether it. As one of the laity, we should say that the comet did not have a blessed hing to do with it. There have been fireles around the sun over and over again when there was not a comet in sight, and there will be circles around comets. "They travel for the most part in long ellipses indistinguishable from parabolas, inclined at all angles to the ecliptic; their motion is retrograde as often as direct, and they have no assignable periods.' A's matter of fact, half a dozen of them are hyperbolic. At a distance from our system they are misty, amorphous objects, and they sometimes have tails that are dred million miles long, and these tails are obviously affected by heliofugal Schiaparelli established the fact, or, at least, he advanced the theory, that neteorites lends countenance to the supposition that they eventually disintegrate into dust, and of their former splendor preserve only the fitful gleam of a shooting star." Up to this present time they have never been known to do anybody bodily harm.

The present comet is named for man by the name of Halley, some of whose descendants are living now in Virginia, although it should be explained that the words of that fine old song, "The Mocking Bird"-"I'm make, if we have only lived correct should contain all the sorts of destructive gases the spectrum has dismorrow for us to catch up with our obligations. Besides, trusting in the Lord, who is both sun and shield, we shall do the best we can, in the circumstances, and "if it were done when quickly." There does not appear philosophy as that! At any rate, it is

still regard him as utterly indifferent ever swung in the upper deep; indeed, the comets are nothing more, as the scientists will yet discover, than so many little particles thrown off from the chief luminary in his magnificent control of our planetary system. In something like five million years we are assured, the sun may become eight times denser than he now is and thus become incapacitated for vivid radiation. That is really a longer time than the oldest inhabitant of Charleston has lived, and there is no reason why we should become unduly alarmed because of this impending disaster, if so it may be called, and especially when we are somewhat comforted with the knowledge that the sun's "extinction may, however, be indefinitely postponed by unknown or barely suspected modes of action, such as the disintegration within its substance of elements akin to radium." It will be seen, therefore, that all is

WHY NOT AT RICHMOND?

New Orleans is talking about a great exposition to be held there in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal. Already, we are told, stock to he amount of \$1,000,000 has been sold how when Kingly duties fell to his in New Orleans in ald of the enterprise, the people of the Mississippi Valley are expected to take \$10,000,000 nore and a bill has been introduced in the Louisiana Legislature approprinting \$4,500,000 to help the thing made to hold the same sort of an ex-Arrangements are also being position at San Francisco. Government aid will be asked for both, and as expositions are great educational agencies, there does not appear to be any good reason why these two under-takings should not share and share alike in the benevolences of the Government

to be given in New Orleans to Richmond? Richmond is something like what did he do? Was he in the war 1,200 miles nearer to Panama than down in Cubia? Did he heard the New Orleans, taking Washington, the what Lawler wrote about the Glavisi

tion should be placed nearer the chief the ball would be muffed if it should ever be knocked out in that direction.

Another reason why the exposition at New Orleans is that Richmond la trade will be done by the Atlantic This is wholly natural, as the most of the things that the new countries Vestern States. New England and the ing around by New Orleans when they could make so much better time shipping through Richmond, and our chies contributing ports down at the mouth of the James River. We have not consulted any of our commercial advisers here and are not exactly sure that Richmond would care to have the exposition, but if Richmond wants it Richmond ought to have it, and will come very near getting it.

As for the proposed exposition a San Francisco, what assurance can be given that the Japanese who have been said to have designs in the Pacific, wil come the entire country with the yel low peril? Really, the only safe, sane truly progressive place in the United States is Richmond,

the muckrakers have found another Several days ago, a stenographer emthe Interior, Kerby by name, betrayed patch. the confidence reposed in him by telling somebody connected with this persecution that Mr. Taft's decision in the Ballinger case was written Lawler. Glavis, acting in concert the spotless Pinchot, reported that doing so. They were alded and abetted support of this remarkable crusade,

tention of Congress, which appointed a committee to investigate. This comwitnesses and has not found anything President. It examined Glavis, admitted under oath that he had never charged Ballinger with any criminal conduct, but he strongly asseverated his opinion that Ballinger was not a agree with other things that he said port, and there is no telling when it will, if ever; as a matter of fact, atory or damnatory sort. The inves tigation goes on, however, just the same, and when the stenographer, about it ever since. in the Glavis matter was written by Assistant Attorney General Lawler, almost everybody read and that Attorney General Wickersham ante-dated his report to the President, it had the effect of adding fresh fuel to the fire, and we are now in the midst of a world-wide discussion of Mr. Taft's way of doing

More from the content of the content Mr. Taft has written a letter to Senator Nelson, of the investigating committee, saying that Kerby was no altogether in error in his statement that he did write his opinion after reading what Lawler had written on the subject, using so much of what Lawler wrote as he thought worth while, and that he told Wickersham to ante-date his report, which had been made to him verbally before Wickersham had reduced it to writing. Well, what of it? There was nothing wrong about that. The President had a perfect right to do it in that way if he wished. It does not make him a criminal or prove that he is weak and vacillating or uncertain of his authority. The New York World. however, "cartoons" him tied up with red tape, and prints an editorial article saying that he is not the same Taft that he was when he was a judge on the bench. Then he wrote find doubtless that when Mr. Taft was on the bench he never refused to hear suggestions from counsel practicing before him as to matters upon which they would like him to charge the jury, and that he accepted these

seat of our Government, as the starting point, and as the canal is to have a military as well as a commercial value, it would seem that the exposition should be placed nearer the chief base than away down yonder in the right field, and with every chance that the ord, and date it prior to the date of right field, and with every chance that my opinion, so as to show that my my opinion, so as to show that my decision was fortified by his summary of the evidence and his conclusions

therefrom." The essential thing, in our opinion, is that the decision in the Glavis matter, whether it was written in whole the Lawler drafts or not, was Mr. Taft's decision. When he set his hand and seal to it, the decision was Mr. Taft's. It was his decision, that gave authority to it, and it was a right

After this new discovery has lost its freshness, the Glavis-Pinchot-Watterson-Collier's-Weekly aggregation will be able to find something else of the same sort to inname their imagi-We wonder if they have consulted the valets and chambermaids and stablemen about the White House for incriminatory evidence against Taft. Porch climbing, as we look at it, is not the finest thing in journal ism and politics.

THE COLONEL'S OWN.

Doctor Lyman Abbott is a good man, and he has shown it many times. To be sure, his theology is a little doubtful in the estimation of many good people, but as we are not experts in theology, this does not lower him in North Carolinians," printed in big our estimation. Besides, it really does not matter, since he has other good interesting sketch of Stonewall Jackqualities which more than make up son. It admits that he was born in for his alleged shortcoming in this Harrison county, Va.; but argues that respect. He lectures, for example, in he was twice married, and that his GOT MR. TAFT THIS TIME, SURE. he preaches Vesper Sermons that are spiential woman, Some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he some of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county, N. C., wherefore he was a new paper of the newspapers and all of good even if a bit mystical lenburg county. mare's nest in the Ballinger case. in his favor, Dr. Abbott has The Outlook, which everybody reads after appropriating Commonwealth, and we ployed in the office of the Secretary of they have finished The Times-Dis-

Dr. Abbott's Outloo's,-at least it used to be his,-has a very interesting history, and the story of how Dr. Abwhen that other eminent clerk, into a very live high-browed Summary Ballinger could not with safety everyone knows, when the Colonel re-

country there arose a great popular the sounding of trumpets. Yet Broth

Kerby, said that Mr. Taft's decision The Outlook has the Colonel's lecture

no lawyer to ante-date briefs in order to meet the claims of opposing they make. . . I am not speaking counsel, and that all this proves that he has only niled another than the property of the appeals for personal assistance. that he has only piled another brunder on the blunders he has already with the world will go into a fuller study of the subject it will doing, as the champion of the plain

seat of our Government, as the start- case as he used in his own statement, people, of honest folk, rich or poor,

We felt this all along, but we are reassured when it comes from Brother Abbott's junior partner, Of course, the Colonel is touched, and of course be is going to do the best he can. No man who has respect for his wife and children and wishes not to be con-signed to the Ananias Club will dispute it for a moment. What else did he go abroad for, unless it were to come home as the Conquering Hero. ready to relieve the sufferings of his

people? Still, one thing about this story of the Colonel arouses some trepidation in our minds. What is all this advercannot Print Poems.

Will you please print in your columns the words to "Backward, Turn Backward, O Time, in Your Flight", Would be glad to have poem at your carliest convenience, as it is desired for a recitation.

MRS. S. M. TORIAN, We must state again that we cannot reprint poems in this column. we must conclude that Brother Abbott is doing a shrewd bit of advertising in the Colonel's name and is boosting his circulation at the Colonel's expense. Maybe he will have to pay for it.

STONEWALL JACKSON, NORTH CAR-OLINIAN.

Under the head line "Prominent type, the Charlotte Observer gives an good fatherly sort of fashion, and second wife, now surviving and a enough for the historians of that selfadmire the courage of a people who a hair." as the saying goes. It is after all, a superior sort of nerve. If

they determined to drive Ballinger out days before dinner. These articles somewhat different face on the affair.

Daily Queries and Answers

Address all communications for this column to Query Editor, Times-Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no dealers' names will be given.

pai prisons.

2. We suppose you mean where they are located—at Atlanta, at Brooklyn and at Fort Leavenworth.

2. Yes. In addition, the government uses, for temporary purposes, State and local prisons.

Cannot Print Poems.

Husband's Rights.

If a widow wills all of her possessions to her relatives, and then marries, in case of her death without making another will, what and to what extent would her husband's interest be?

Her husband will have no rights to property covered by her will.

Britle of Concord.

Please inform me in your Query Col.

mm whether the British went to Concord by land or by sea on April 18. By land. The fight at Concord was April 19, 1775.

Maple Trees.

Please tell me the time to cut maples and gum trees to kill, so they will not sprout from the stump.

Write to the State Entomologist, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., for full information.

Gevernment Prisons.

1. In how many prisons does the United States government house its prisoners?

2. What are they?

3. Does the government own any or all of them?

A CONSTANT READER.

1. The government has three principal prisons.

Address of Two Merchants.

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Julian Eugene Conner is a merchant in Buckingham county, Va. John Hames Chew Conner is a merchant in King George county, Va. Please tell me the name of the towns and street on which either of the two men named above live. In case they are not living, the name and address of one of their children.

The name of neither one of these men appears in any of the directories at our disposal.

The Richest Country, etc.

1. Please inform me which is the richest country in the world.

2. Please tell me if, on the night of April 18 1775, the British went to Concord by land or by sea. X. B. C.

1. For its area, England is the richest country in the world; for total wealth, natural and monetary, the United States probably stands first,

2. By land.

Inst Words of Dying Persons.

Is there published a collection of "Last Words" of what persons have said dying? Give author and publisher, if possible.

We never saw such a collection in book form, though the last words of some distinguished persons have been reprinted in the migazines and newspapers at various times. A large collection was printed when President McKinley died.

"E Pluribus Unum," Etc.

PE Pluribus Unum." Etc.

1. What is the correct translation of "E pluribus unum."?

2. Where can I find sale for a number of bugs used for bran?
CASSIE JONES.

Analysis of Water.
Having discovered on my place a spring which I believe to be a valu
burg, Va., for full information.

1. One from many.
2. Junk dealers may buy these bags.
We doubt whether you could dispose of them otherwise in any quantity.

LORD STAIR TO HOLD VICE-REGAL COURT

